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SUBJ: NEGOTIATIONS ON AMERICAN FILMS TO RE-OPEN

REF: USIA 30122(C) NOTAL

1. CEYLON THEATERS LTD CHAIRMAN REPORTS HE HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY LETTER FROM STATE FILM CORP (SFC) THAT THEY NO LONGER HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS AND KINEMATOGRAPHIC RENTERS SOCIETY (KRS). DISTRIBUTORS HAVE SO INFORMED KRS BOMBAY BY CABLE AND HAVE REQUESTED KRS REP TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS IN COLOMBO DEC 26.

2. ALTHOUGH LETTER WAS FROM STATE FILM CORP, DISTRIBUTORS UNDERSTAND THAT ACTUAL DECISION WAS MADE "ON A VERY HIGH LEVEL" IN GOVERNMENT, APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO WIDESPREAD PUBLIC DISCONTENT OVER PROSPECTIVE LOSS OF FILMS FROM MAJOR US STUDIOS. THIS DISCONTENT ALSO FUELED BY MANY "LAST TIME IN SRI LANKA" SHOWINGS OF POPULAR AMERICAN TITLES BEFORE BURNING AT TIME KRS CONTRACT WAS TO EXPIRE DEC 31. CHAIRMAN SAYS SUCH BURNING PLANS NOW DROPPED.

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HE ALSO SAYS GOVTS CAPITULATION WILL NOT BE

PUBLICIZED HERE FOR FEAR OF POLITICAL BACKLASH FROM  
TROTSKYITE OPPOSITION.

3. COMMENT: THIS DEVELOPMENT IS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT  
SHOWS GOVTS POLITICAL SENSITIVITY TO FACT THAT "BREAD  
AND CIRCUSES" REQUIRES MORE THAN PL-480.  
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